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Lynch, 3rd ID staff arrive home on third Special Troops Battalion main body flight

FORT STEWART, Ga. (May 31, 2008) – Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch and senior leaders of the 3rd Infantry Division headquarters returned home today during an afternoon welcome home ceremony here at Cottrell Field.

About 260 Soldiers of the Special Troops Battalion were on the flight with the general. The division headquarters was the lead element for Task Force Marne, securing and building capacity in an area of Iraq the size of West Virginia south of Baghdad. More than 1,000 friends and family were on hand to welcome home Lynch and his Dog-face Soldiers.

In his welcome remarks, Lynch said that people have two choices when it comes to history; either read about it, or be a part of it.

“By God, we made history over the last 15 months,” Lynch said, then addressed Family and community members. “We couldn’t have done it without your support.”

About 780 Soldiers from the STB have come home to date.

Following Lynch’s welcome and singing the national anthem, the Marne Song and the Army Song accompanied by the 3rd Infantry Division Band, the family members and friends rushed from the parade field’s reviewing stands to greet their Soldiers.